

COMMHIT26 SPEAKER

Kendra Siler

PHD

CommHIT CEO

ON STAGE AT COMMHIT26

Eight sessions on Thu, Dec 10 and Fri, Dec 11. The full schedule is on page 2.

ABOUT KENDRA

Dr. Kendra Siler is a nationally recognized leader in technology innovation, workforce development, and rural health transformation.

With more than 25 years of experience addressing complex healthcare, transportation, and communication challenges, she serves as CEO of CommHIT, a nonprofit headquartered at Kennedy Space Center that develops solutions for remote care in rural and other geographically isolated settings. Her work focuses on creating connected systems that help people access care when distance is a barrier, translating lessons from the most remote environments into practical solutions for communities on Earth. Dr. Siler currently leads CommHIT Everywhere, a Florida Rural Health Transformation Program that integrates health information exchange, mobile health, community paramedicine, retail clinic pharmacy services, remote patient monitoring, and workforce development to improve care in hard-to-reach communities. She was an appointed stakeholder advisor to the Trump Administration White House Office of American Innovation and the Obama Administration White House Rural Council. Beginning in 2008, she led the development of the nation's first rural-based health information exchange and later served as Wave 1 Lead of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services cybersecurity task group. IEEE Women in Engineering Magazine recently recognized her as a Woman to Watch. Dr. Siler earned her PhD from the University of Florida and completed an NRSA postdoctoral fellowship at the McKnight Brain Institute in the Department of Neuroscience.

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THU, DEC 10 9–9:25am	Welcome to CommHIT26: Out of Hospital Care With Lauren Young-Work, Karen Blanchette
THU, DEC 10 9:25–10am	CommHIT Everywhere: Inside the Architecture Enabling Proactive Rural Care With David Willis
THU, DEC 10 11:30am–12:15pm	Mobile Health & Community Pharmacy Access Collaborative Panel PANEL Facilitator · with Matthew Thompson, Jeremy Coombs, Cara Gluck, Scott Cales, Kevin Salzer
THU, DEC 10 1–1:45pm	American Music Forms Memories Keynote Exploration: Fireside Experience KEYNOTE With Michael Feinstein
THU, DEC 10 2–2:45pm	CommHIT Everywhere Florida Pre-Hospital Care Financial Sustainability With Aaron Malloy, David Willis, Justin Duncan
THU, DEC 10 3–3:45pm	Academic–Community Partnerships Advancing Better Care Panel PANEL Facilitator · with Karen Panetta, Glenn Barnes, Rayna Letourneau, Riley T. Krotz, Janeen M. Blythe
FRI, DEC 11 9–9:45am	"Even the Lion Protects Himself Against Flies": Dealing with Distraction Through Discernment
FRI, DEC 11 11am–12pm	A Round Table Discussion with Max Planck on the Frontiers of Brain Science PANEL With Vidhya Rangaraju, Sarah A. Stern, Karen Panetta

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